

# ENTROPY

*"The second law of thermodynamics is time's arrow,  
but chemical kinetics is time's variable clock."*

*-F.Lambert*



*"Chemical kinetics firmly restrains time's arrow  
in the taut bow of thermodynamics  
for milliseconds to millennia."*

*-F.Lambert*

**CAUSE ALWAYS PRECEDES EFFECT...**

Alien Story Example;  
How do we know time is moving      *forward?*

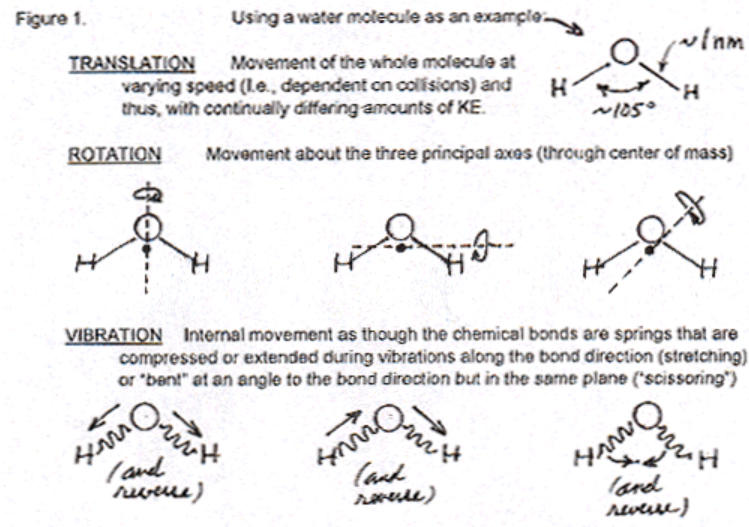
**Spontaneous Reaction:** A reaction that occurs naturally, without outside intervention.

\*\*Remember, the reaction may take a LONG time (kinetics)!

\*\* How does nature "decide" which process ought to be "spontaneous"? Entropy!

**Entropy (  $\Delta S$  ):** The capacity of a system to store dissipated ("spread out") energy.

Examples of Ways to Dissipate Energy:



Of the above types of energy, which types can a solid have?

A Gas?

A Crystal at 0 K?

Recording Energy Changes (  $\Delta S_{\text{system}}$  ): Entropy Final - Entropy Initial

- **Positive** = Storing more "dispersed energy" *after* change **(more disorder)**

Predict the sign on  $\Delta S$  for the following changes:

1. Steam condenses.
2. A salt dissolves.
3. Iodine vapors condenses on a cold surface to form a crystal.

Review, What is the 1<sup>st</sup> Law of Thermodynamics?

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics:**  
entropy (energy dissipation) in the universe.

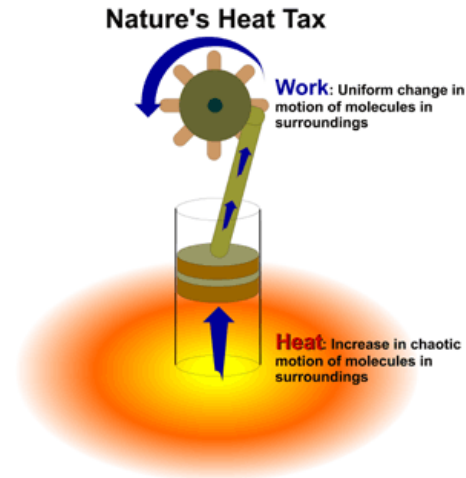
All spontaneous reactions result in an increase in

$$\Delta S_{\text{universe}} > 0$$

$$\Delta S_{\text{univ}} = \Delta S_{\text{sys}} + \Delta S_{\text{surr}} > 0$$

$$\Delta S_{\text{surr}} > -\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

Summary: 1<sup>st</sup> Law says you can't get ahead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Law says you can't even break even!



<http://www.maniacworld.com/Laminar-Reverse-Flow.html>

## Summary

$\Delta S_{\text{univ}}$	$\Delta S_{\text{sys}}$	$\Delta S_{\text{surr}}$	Spontaneous Reaction?
	—	—	
	—	+	
	+	—	
	+	+	

What about those reactions that "might be" spontaneous?

Spontaneity depends on the temperature at which the reaction occurs!

Example, Water Freezing - "Might Happen"

$$\begin{array}{cc} \Delta H_{\text{sys}} & \Delta S_{\text{sys}} \\ \Delta H_{\text{surr}} & \Delta S_{\text{surr}} \end{array}$$

Does entropy *gained* by the surroundings offset the entropy lost by the system?

$$\Delta S_{\text{surr}} > - \Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

Yes, if it's cold outside!

**\*\*Magnitude of entropy gained by surroundings depends on the temperature.**

$$\Delta S_{\text{surr}} = - \Delta H_{\text{sys}} / T \text{ at constant T and P}$$

When it's cold out, a little heat goes a long way!

Winning the lottery analogy....

Cold Outside:

You, poor high school student + \$1000 =



+ \$1000



Hot Outside:

Donald Trump + \$1000 =



+ \$1000



Putting  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  together...

**Gibbs' Free Energy:** The energy available to do work.  
At constant pressure and temperature....

$$\Delta G_{\text{sys}} = \Delta H_{\text{sys}} - T \Delta S_{\text{sys}}$$

related to 2<sup>nd</sup> Law...

All with respect to *system*

$\Delta S$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$	Spontaneous?

Reactions are spontaneous when  $\Delta G_{\text{sys}}$  \_\_\_\_\_

Reactions are at equilibrium when  $\Delta G_{\text{sys}}$  \_\_\_\_\_